--- 1/2 Pound - Blue - “Series of 1897” - scanned at 50% scale ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/2 pound blue strip as follows:

RP-725 - 1/2 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 321 mm. in length, with 4½ mm. red controls

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell if, and how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

--- Recess printed by <u>hand press</u> on *vertical mesh* wove - 317 x 20 mm. ---

--- 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

--- From the ABN New York Archive Sale of 1990 ---

--- **RP-725 PP** - 1/2 pound, blue, plate proofs mounted on thin cardboard - a pair - 317 x 20 mm ---

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RP-725n - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering - 317 x 20 mm

RP-725n - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering
A top copy from Plate No. 3, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - 317 x 20 mm

RP-725n - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink - 317 x 20 mm

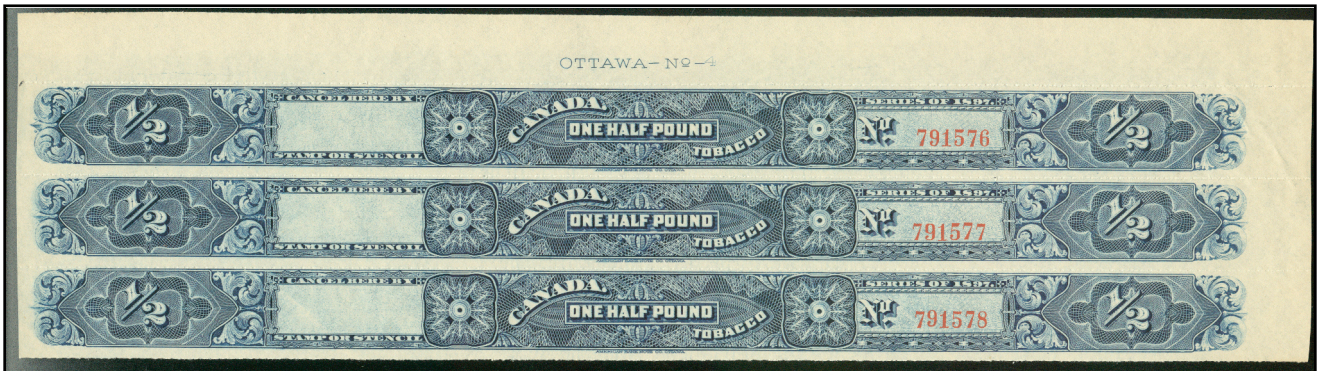
These *control-free* 1/2 pound 317 mm. blue strips are printed on *vertical mesh* wove by ***hand press***, while the production blue strips are printed on *horizontal mesh* wove paper by ***rotary press*** and measure 321 mm. in length.

--- 1/2 Pound - "Series of 1897" - scanned at 50% scale ---

--- Recess printed by <u>rotary press</u> on *horizontal mesh* wove - 321 x 20 mm. ---

--- RP-725 - *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

RP-725 - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **791229** - 321 x 20 mm



RP-725 - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, controls **791576-78**, on *horizontal mesh* wove - Plate No. 4 - 321 x 20 mm

165965	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791220	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791229★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791237	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791267★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791347	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791351	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette - a top strip from Plate No. 4
791386	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791415	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791419	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791434★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791485	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791523	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791542	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791561-62★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette - a top pair from Plate No. 5
791571	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791576-78★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette - the top three strips from Plate No. 4
791579	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791590	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791601	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791605★	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette
791664	RP-725	1/2 pound, blue, coarse roulette

There is no way to tell how many times ABN cycled through their control number sequence from **0000001** to **9999999** before the end. Note that Plate No. 5 has control numbers lower than Plate No. 4.

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